

**Pope Francis's August prayer intention:** For political leaders  
 We pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and for the common good, especially caring for the poor and those who have lost their jobs.

**This months St Vincent de Paul collection takes place on the weekend of 10/11 August**

**Tap and Go machines** at the back of the church facilitates parishioners and visitors who wish to contribute to the First and Second collections but who don't carry cash.

**The second Tap and Go device** is for the benefit of receiving parish contributions. Contributions to the parish can also be made through the 'Donate' button on the parish website [www.ionaroadparish.ie](http://www.ionaroadparish.ie)

Thank you for your contribution to the parish **FAMILY OFFERING** collection,  
 This is received in weekly envelopes.  
 An average weekly total of €503.00 is also contributed by Standing Orders.

**Mass Intentions for the coming weeks (at time of print)**

Aug	SAT	3rd	6.00pm	Elizabeth & John Frayne (A)
Aug	MON	5th	Bank Hol	Mass in the Monastery @11am
Aug	WED	7th	10.30am	Mary Morrissey (A)
Aug	SAT	10th	6.00pm	Eugene O'Rourke (A) Betty O'Doherty
Aug	SUN	11th	11.00am	Baptisms
Aug	THUR	15th	10.30am	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Aug	FRI	16th	10.30am	George Cosgrave (A)
Aug	SUN	18th	11.00am	Margaret O'Brien (1stA)
Aug	SAT	24th	6.00pm	Patrick Flaherty (A) Dermot Flaherty (A)
Aug	SAT	31st	6.00pm	Rory Moore (A)
Sept	SUN	1st.	11.00am	World day of Prayer for the care of Creation



**Remember in your prayers all our recently deceased.**



**The Parish Link will be printed once a month for July and August.**

Please follow, like and share our Parish Social Media  
 Facebook: Iona Road Parish Instagram: ionaroadparish

Items for the Parish Link can be e-mailed to [parishlink@gmail.com](mailto:parishlink@gmail.com) or dropped into the Parish Office. A contact name and phone number is required for each item.

Ph: 8308257 or email [ionaroadparish@gmail.com](mailto:ionaroadparish@gmail.com)  
 St. Columba's Parish website : [www.ionaroadparish.ie](http://www.ionaroadparish.ie)

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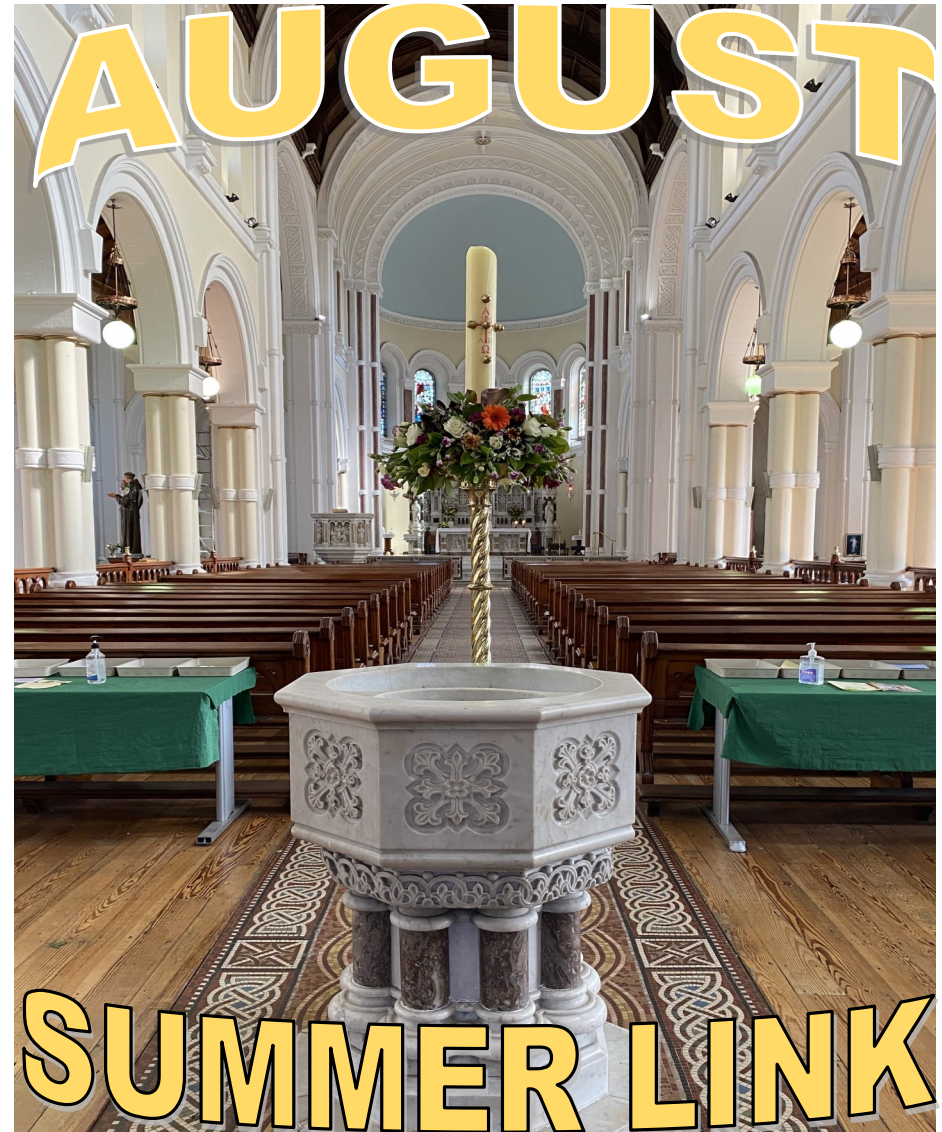


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**Mission Statement: St. Columba's parish is a vibrant and welcoming community of faith, continuing to give practical witness to the Good News of Christ, through worship and reflection, and through Christian service to the community.**

**The Irish Cancer Society** is seeking compassionate volunteer drivers in our community. Your time can help to continue the vital service of providing transport for patients attending cancer treatment appointments.

If you have a few hours to spare, a valid driving license, and a safe, reliable vehicle, you're the perfect candidate to make a significant difference. Your generosity can ease the journey for many during a challenging time, offering comfort and support when it's needed most.

For more information and to become a volunteer driver, please contact Monica at [volunteer@irishcancer.ie](mailto:volunteer@irishcancer.ie).

### Pathways

Have you ever wanted to know more about your faith? Are you looking for a course that can help you grow in your ministry?

Pathways is an Adult Faith formation programme run by the Archdiocese aimed at all adults, members of PPCs and those in parish ministry.

It is a 2 year course running on Thursday evenings from September to May (excluding holidays) from 7pm-9.30pm in DCU, Drumcondra, Dublin 9.

The course is has a number of modules including input on Images of God, Discipleship, Scripture, Liturgy, Church, Vatican II, Sacraments and Parish.

The Second Year has a more intentional focus on Ministry.

Each evening includes a presentation on the topic as well as small group sharing and discussion and there is no written work or assessments.

The cost is €400 per year (Some parishes may help to cover some of the cost or you can contact us to discuss the possibility of a bursary)

For more details, and to complete the online application form, please visit [www.missionministry.ie/pathways](http://www.missionministry.ie/pathways) or email [peter.siney@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:peter.siney@dublindiocese.ie)



### Come and See

Monastic Vocations Weekend

You are welcome to join us for a weekend of prayer, silence, community and joy!  
23rd August-25th August and  
20th –22nd September 2024

We are a cloistered, contemplative community of women called to be a living reminder of God's Love

Contact Sr Gabrielle  
[contactrednunsweb@gmail.com](mailto:contactrednunsweb@gmail.com)

Monastery of St Alphonsus.

### WEEKLY EZINE

Sharing the Good News is the newsletter of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference. If you would like receive this weekly ezine, you can do so at <https://catholicnews.ie/newsletter/>. You are encouraged to invite others to do so too. Send articles and photographs for use in Sharing the Good News to [info@catholicbishops.ie](mailto:info@catholicbishops.ie).

### YOUTH 2000 SUMMER FESTIVAL

Join young people between 16 and 35 this August at the Youth 2000 Summer Festival. The festival takes place in Clongowes Wood College, Clane, Co Kildare from Thursday 15th August to Sunday 18th August 2023. The festival includes inspiring talks, music, prayer, concert, workshops, dramas, share groups, reconciliation and healing service and Mass. Donation only and we have free buses going from all over Ireland. For more information and to book your place go to [www.youth2000.ie](http://www.youth2000.ie). Poster attached.

### FILM SERIES ON THE MASS

Bayside Alpha are hosting Bishop Barron's 6-week film series on The Mass, starting on Sunday, August 4, from 7:30pm to 8:30pm. This series will help you understand how to fully, consciously, and actively participate in the source and summit of the Christian life. To join this Zoom course email Paul at [alphabayside@gmail.com](mailto:alphabayside@gmail.com).

## ACTIVE RETIREMENT ACTIVITIES

### Strength & Balance Classes

for Older Adults will resume on **12th August** at 11am and 12midday.

All are welcome.

DCSWP charge €2 per class.

No registration required. Just arrive.



### Autumn Break

Galway Bay Hotel  
Sunday 20th October  
3 Nights B&B &

3 4-Course Evening Meals  
€315 Per Person Sharing  
€477 Single Room

Book with Hotel on 091 520520  
(Say you are with Iona Active Retirement)

### FR COLUMBA MCCANN ELECTED ABBOT OF GLENSTAL

Columba McCann OSB has been elected the seventh Abbot of Glenstal Abbey. Raised in Dublin and educated by the Jesuits at Gonzaga College, he studied music at University College Dublin and trained for the priesthood at Holy Cross College in Clonliffe before he was ordained for the Archdiocese of Dublin in 1988. Following further studies in Rome, he lectured in liturgy at the Dublin diocesan seminary and a number of third-level institutions in the city while serving as master of ceremonies to the Archbishop of Dublin. Father Columba entered the novitiate at Glenstal Abbey in 2004. See <https://glenstal.com/father-columba-mccann-elected-abbot-of-glenstal/>.



### Prayer of St. Columba

Be a bright flame before me, O God  
a guiding star above me.  
Be a smooth path below me,  
a kindly shepherd behind me  
today, tonight, and for ever.  
Alone with none but you, my God  
I journey on my way;  
what need I fear when you are near,  
O Lord of night and day?  
More secure am I within your hand  
than if a multitude did round me stand.

**Amen**

### LEGION OF MARY YOUNG ADULT CONFERENCE

'Fan the Spark' Conference for Young Adults (18-40) Saturday, August 24, 9.30am-5.30pm in Legion of Mary, Brunswick Street, Dublin. Cost €15. Talks on art, faith, tour of Frank Duff House, Mass, adoration and more. To book visit [www.eventbrite.ie](http://www.eventbrite.ie) or contact [deusetpatria@gmail.com](mailto:deusetpatria@gmail.com).

### ST JAMES'S HOSPITAL

The hospital is delighted to announce the launch of a new hospital wide Patient Volunteer Service. The service, which will commence in September, will provide personal and practical support to patients and visitors attending St James's Hospital. From simply helping someone check in for their clinic appointment, or guiding a patient to their clinic destination, the service aims to have a positive impact on our patients and visitors experience in the hospital. Over the next two months, we will be recruiting volunteers for the service. If you know anyone who would interested in volunteering please ask them to contact the team for a friendly chat on 087 499 5792 or email [teamvolunteer@stjames.ie](mailto:teamvolunteer@stjames.ie).